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For: IMPROVED SURFACE ENHANCER FOR MAKING
A MOLDED METAL OR METAL/CERAMIC ARTICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Without admission of prior art effect, Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.98. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

The following references are hereby made of record:

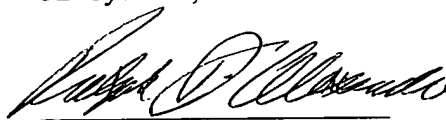
1. U.S. Patent No. 3,823,002 is made of record.
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,929,476 is made of record.
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8. U.S. Patent No. 4,491,558 is made of record.
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,554,218 is made of record.
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,863,538 is made of record.
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,252,264 is made of record.
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,989,476 is made of record.

Copies of these references are included herewith.

The references included in this IDS form the complete set of references known to the Applicant which are believed to be relevant to the prosecution of the instant application. If additional references are discovered and thought to be relevant, they will be made of record in due course.

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